

Deut. 24:8-25:3

The 8th Word and Social Justice, Part 2

The Eighth Word (And You Shall Not Steal), Part Five

Sermon Notes for July 31, 2011 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

Pr. 29:7; Erasing Hell and Humanism

1. What Is Meant by "Social Justice?"
 - A. Biblical Justice and Its Effects on Society
 - B. Society's Redefinition of Justice Based on Humanistic Assumptions
Social Contract - Social Justice - "An Idiot God"
 - C. Biblical Emphases and Terminology Coupled with Non-biblical Statist Means
2. The Great Importance of Biblical Social Justice
 - A. More Important than Worship Jer. 7
 - B. The Father's Heart and Ours Jer. 9:23,24; Dt. 10:18,19; Ps. 68:5; 146:9
 - C. Severe Judgments for its Absence Eze. 16:49; Mt. 25:41-46
3. The Components of Biblical Social Justice
 - A. A Humble and Gracious Heart (Caveat - Lazy, etc.)
Humility, Ethanol Subsidies and Crony Capitalism
 - B. Equal Treatment in Court - Dt. 24:17 (Justice); 21:1-9 (No Indifference); Pr. 31:8,9
 - C. Make the Poor GLAD (Gleaning, Loans, Alms, Dues)
King Job - Job 31:16-20
 - D. Protecting (Including Politically) Private Property, the "Free" Market and the Family

Amos; Zech. 7:9,10
4. The Need for "Bible Heads" to Teach the World - Dt. 24:8-25:3 (See Attached)
 - A. Degrees of "Poverty" and the Exchange - Lev. 25:35-38; 25:25-28
 - B. A Solution to Payday Loans? and Another Exchange
 - C. **Personal Responsibility vs. Blood Feuds** - v. 16; Eze. 18:1-9; Gen. 3:9-13
Who is responsible, and to Whom?
 - D. Commanded Justice in the Gate (Ex. 22:2,3)
 - E. Commanded Benevolence in the "Field"

Evaluating Corporate Responsibility - Bottom Lines

1.) Walnuts and The Code - "... but not at the expense of the environment, human rights, the public health or safety, the communities in which the corporation operates, or the dignity of its employees."

2.) The Triple Bottom Line (TBL, 3BL - People, Planet, Profit; Genetic Fallacy)

5. Pleasing God

Deuteronomy 24:8–25:3 (NKJV)

8 “Take heed in an outbreak of leprosy, that you carefully observe and do according to all that the priests, the Levites, shall teach you; just as I commanded them, so you shall be careful to do. **9** Remember what the LORD your God did to Miriam on the way when you came out of Egypt!

10 “When you lend your brother anything, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge. **11** You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you. **12** And if the man is poor, you shall not keep his pledge overnight. **13** You shall in any case return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before the LORD your God.

14 “You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens who is in your land within your gates. **15** Each day you shall give him his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the LORD, and it be sin to you.

16 “Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 “You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor take a widow’s garment as a pledge. **18** But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this thing.

19 “When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. **20** When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. **21** When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. **22** And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.

1 “If there is a dispute between men, and they come to court, that the judges may judge them, and they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked, **2** then it shall be, if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, that the judge will cause him to lie down and be beaten in his presence, according to his guilt, with a certain number of blows. **3** Forty blows he may give him and no more, lest he should exceed this and beat him with many blows above these, and your brother be humiliated in your sight.

Steps to Implement Biblical Social Justice

1. Know Your Bible
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4. Tithe, Tracking the Benevolence Portion
5. Accumulate Wealth by Diligence
6. When Necessary, Accept Charity Charitably
7. Fight (Politically) the Killing of the Golden Goose (Register Voters, PAC Tax Credit, Etc.)
8. Fight (Educationally) the Killing of the Golden Goose
9. Remember and Do the Three Gifts (GKL)
10. Make known to the Deacons gleaning opportunities at your home or work.
11. Make known to the Deacons if you have money for poor loans.
12. Have an open heart and hands for single moms.
13. Be a lunch buddy or a mentor parent.
14. Start a discussion group on helping the poor.
15. Be part of the party in 2035. 52 to 26 to Zero (58:Fast Living by Scott C. Todd)